**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original):   A line information database (LIDB) disposed within a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a first collection of invariant data persisted in individual records in the LIDB, each of said records having an association with a subscriber in the PSTN;

a second collection of variable data persisted in said individual records in the LIDB, said variable data having been produced in an application deployed outside of the PSTN in a data communications network; and,

a query interface to retrieve said variable data from the LIDB and to persist variable data in the LIDB.

Claim 2 (Original):   A system for managing variable data through line information database (LIDB) access in a public switched telephone network (PSTN), the system comprising:

a LIDB coupled to a service control point (SCP) in the PSTN;

an enterprise application deployed outside of the PSTN in a data communications network;

a gateway node communicatively coupled both to said SCP in the PSTN and to said

enterprise application in said data communications network; and,

cookie writing logic communicatively linked to said enterprise application and

programmed to write variable data to said LIDB in the PSTN.


Claim 3 (Original):   The system of claim 2, further comprising logic communicatively linked to

said enterprise application to retrieve from said LIDB variable data associated with a caller

placing a call to a called party accessing said enterprise application.


Claim 4 (canceled)


Claim 5 (currently amended):      A The method of claim 4, further for managing variable data

through line information database (LIDB) access in a public switched telephone network

(PSTN), the method comprising the steps of:

____     receiving a call from a caller over the PSTN;

____     establishing said call and subsequently terminating said call;

____     collecting variable data produced during said call;

____     persisting said collected variable data in a record in the LIDB associated with said caller;

retrieving variable data from a record in the LIDB associated with said caller prior to

establishing said call; and,

utilizing said retrieved variable data during said call.

Claim 6 (currently amended):    A ~~The~~ method ~~of claim 4,~~ for managing variable data through line information database (LIDB) access in a public switched telephone network (PSTN), the method comprising the steps of:

    receiving a call from a caller over the PSTN;

    establishing said call and subsequently terminating said call;

    collecting variable data produced during said call; and,

    persisting said collected variable data in a record in the LIDB associated with said caller;

    wherein said collecting step comprises the step of collecting said variable data in an enterprise application coupled to a gateway node in the PSTN.


Claim 7 (currently amended):    A ~~The~~ method ~~of claim 4,~~ for managing variable data through line information database (LIDB) access in a public switched telephone network (PSTN), the method comprising the steps of:

    receiving a call from a caller over the PSTN;

    establishing said call and subsequently terminating said call;

    collecting variable data produced during said call; and,

    persisting said collected variable data in a record in the LIDB associated with said caller;

    wherein said persisting step comprises the step of accessing logic in a gateway node in the PSTN programmed to post data storage messages through the PSTN to the LIDB via a service control point (SCP).


Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended):        A ~~The~~ machine readable storage <u>having stored thereon a</u>

<u>computer program for managing variable data through line information database (LIDB) access</u>

<u>in a public switched telephone network (PSTN), the computer program comprising a routine ste</u>

<u>of instructions which when executed by the machine cause the machine to perform</u> ~~of claim 8~~

~~further comprising~~ the steps of:

   <u>receiving a call from a caller over the PSTN;</u>

   <u>establishing said call and subsequently terminating said call;</u>

   <u>collecting variable data produced during said call;</u>

   <u>persisting said collected variable data in a record in the LIDB associated with said caller;</u>

   retrieving variable data from a record in the LIDB associated with said caller prior to

establishing said call; and,

   utilizing said retrieved variable data during said call.


Claim 10 (currently amended):        A ~~The~~ machine readable storage <u>having stored thereon a</u>

<u>computer program for managing variable data through line information database (LIDB) access</u>

<u>in a public switched telephone network (PSTN), the computer program comprising a routine ste</u>

<u>of instructions which when executed by the machine cause the machine to perform</u> ~~of claim 8~~ the

steps of:

   <u>receiving a call from a caller over the PSTN;</u>

   <u>establishing said call and subsequently terminating said call;</u>

   <u>collecting variable data produced during said call; and,</u>

_____ persisting said collected variable data in a record in the LIDB associated with said caller;

wherein said collecting step comprises the step of collecting said variable data in an enterprise application coupled to a gateway node in the PSTN.

Claim 11 (currently amended):       A ~~The~~ machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program for managing variable data through line information database (LIDB) access in a public switched telephone network (PSTN), the computer program comprising a routine ste of instructions which when executed by the machine cause the machine to perform ~~of claim 8~~ the steps of:

_____ receiving a call from a caller over the PSTN;

_____ establishing said call and subsequently terminating said call;

_____ collecting variable data produced during said call; and,

_____ persisting said collected variable data in a record in the LIDB associated with said caller;

wherein said persisting step comprises the step of accessing logic in a gateway node in the PSTN programmed to post data storage messages through the PSTN to the LIDB via a service control point (SCP).